

Re: PERMISSION TO ALLOW REVIEW PROCESSES AND CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION
TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY CONSULTING ENGINEERING COMPANIES
(Item 8, Report No. 9, 1981 February 02)

Following is a report from the Municipal Engineer regarding
inspectional services.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the recommendations of the Municipal Engineer
be adopted.

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1981 FEBRUARY 19

TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER

FROM: MUNICIPAL ENGINEER

SUBJECT: LETTER FROM URBAN DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE PACIFIC REGION
C/O PETER HOGAN & ASSOCIATES LTD., 1409 BEWICKE AVENUE,
NORTH VANCOUVER, B.C., V7M 3C7 WHICH APPEARED ON THE
AGENDA FOR THE 1981 FEBRUARY 02 MEETING OF COUNCIL (Item 3b)
PERMISSION TO ALLOW REVIEW PROCESSES AND CONSTRUCTION
INSPECTION TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY CONSULTING ENGINEERING COMPANIES
(Item 8, Manager's Report No. 9, 1981 February 02)

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Council rescind the motion made concerning Recommendation #1,
Item 8, Manager's Report No. 9, 1981 February 02.
2. THAT the Municipal Engineer be authorized to make the necessary
arrangements to continue review processes and construction
inspection by permitting developers to hire, at their cost,
approved private consulting engineers to provide certificates
of acceptance for servicing works and on the understanding that
the Corporation has no responsibility in matters of possible
picketing or other strike action.
3. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Urban Development Institute
Pacific Region, c/o Peter Hogan & Associates Ltd., 1409 Bewicke
Avenue, North Vancouver, B.C. V7M 3C7.

SUMMARY:

More complete knowledge about the real needs of private developments
indicates that the Corporation can accept letters from private consulting
engineers appointed by the developer (and approved by the Municipal
Engineer) certifying the works required as a condition of subdivision
or rezoning have been designed and constructed to Corporation specifications.

REPORT

Council, at its meeting of 1981 February 02, (Item 8, Manager's Report No. 9) approved of two recommendations concerning the question of allowing review processes and construction inspection to be carried out by the use of private engineering firms during the current strike. (Copy of Report attached).

Since writing the report more than three weeks ago, much more is now known about how the matter stands with the private sector in their real needs for review processes and construction inspection. There are evidently quite a number of subdivisions and rezonings that have progressed to a point where it would be reasonable to allow completion of servicing requirements through the use of private engineering consultants. It also seems unreasonable for the Corporation to stand in the way of having such arrangements available for the use of the developer if he wishes to proceed under such arrangements. It would be made very clear that the Corporation is simply providing the developer with the opportunity to satisfy the Corporation's requirements in servicing works at the full option, responsibility, and cost of the developer.

If a developer wished to proceed under the arrangement described above, he would request approval to hire the consulting engineer and he would undertake to be fully responsible for the cost of the consultant and any possible picketing or other strike action which could arise.

For the time being, it would be our intention to confine the arrangement to those developers who have the designs for servicing works fully approved and who have deposited in full the required bonding.



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MUNICIPAL ENGINEER.

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Attach.

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ITEM (SUPPL.) 9
MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 1:
COUNCIL MEETING 1981 02 2:

The following report from the Municipal Engineer is in response to a letter from Mr. Peter F. Hogan, President of Urban Development Institute Pacific Region, which appears on the agenda for the 1981 February 02 meeting of Council.

Mr. Hogan in his letter suggests that Burnaby should make "... arrangements that were adopted successfully during the Delta strike some time ago." In Delta, the practice during the strike and under normal operating conditions is to have engineering consultants carry out inspections, and for such consultants to submit a document which certifies that the work was done according to standard. In other words, Delta doesn't use union employees to do this type of work. At Burnaby, however, the inspectional services are carried out by municipal employees who are members of the union, and Mr. Hogan's proposal, if implemented, would in all likelihood result in immediate picket action.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the recommendation of the Municipal Engineer be adopted.

TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER

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FROM: MUNICIPAL ENGINEER

SUBJECT: ALLOWING REVIEW PROCESSES AND CONSTRUCTION
INSPECTION TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY CONSULTING
ENGINEERING COMPANIES

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT the Corporation not accede to making arrangements to continue review processes and construction inspection by employing consulting engineering companies to perform these services during a strike.
2. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Mr. Peter F. Hogan, President, Urban Development Institute Pacific Region, 1409 Bewicke Avenue, North Vancouver, B.C., V7M 3C7.

SUMMARY:

The Urban Development Institute is requesting that the Corporation make arrangements to allow review processes and construction inspection to continue during a possible strike by the use of consulting engineering companies. It is not considered desirable to undertake such arrangements because this is work normally done entirely by Municipal employees who are members of Local 23.

REPORT:

Technically, it would be possible to allow the review process to continue and to inspect construction works by making arrangements with responsible consulting engineering companies to do such work. However, this course of action cannot be recommended because it would be making alternative outside arrangements to carry out work normally done entirely by Municipal forces who are members of Local 23, of the C.U.P.E. It is considered that the harm done in terms of long-term labour relations would far outweigh any short-term advantages.

In any event, it is highly questionable whether such arrangements would have any chance of working because almost all servicing contractors whose works would be inspected are unionized and in all likelihood employees of these contractors would not cross a C.U.P.E. picket line.

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